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FEATURING THIS MONTH...

THE WEIRD--4-issue mini
LEGION'S 30th ANNIVERSARY
CHECKMATE--Ongoing Monthly
WORLD OF SMALLVILLE--4-issue mini
and much more...

WHAT IS...THE WEIRD?

Who...or *what* is THE WEIRD?

The questions begin when a mysterious force descends upon Metropolis ... but the questions all too quickly give way to full-blown mayhem as the force gives birth to a deadly being.

Where does it come from? What does it want ... and can the combined might of SUPERMAN and the JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL stand up against the awesome, cosmically spawned power of ... THE WEIRD? The place to find out is *here*, in the pages of THE WEIRD!

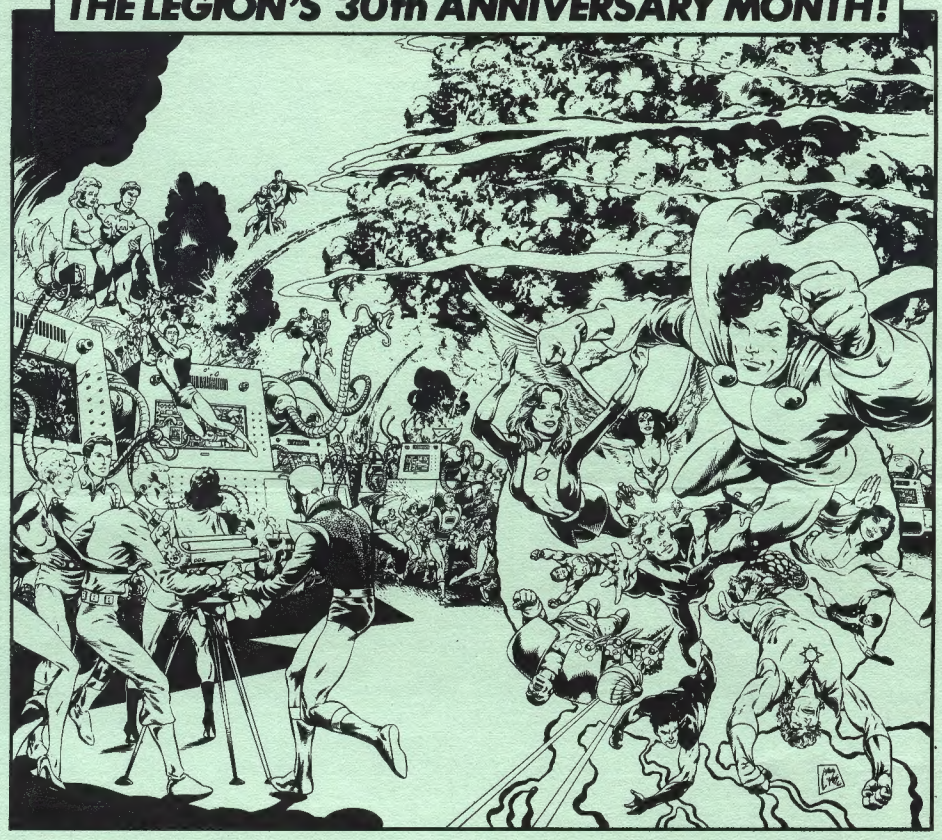
THE WEIRD is a four-issue mini-series written by Jim Starlin and drawn by Berni Wrightson and Dan Green with covers by Wrightson. It's a combination of talent that can't be beat ... and each issue of this mini-series features a big 38 pages of that Starlin/Wrightson/Green magic!

What is THE WEIRD?

An excellent question ... we can only hope the heroes of Earth will live long enough to answer!

The Weird #1

THE LEGION'S 30th ANNIVERSARY MONTH!



Thirty years ago this month, a trio of teenaged super-heroes from the 30th Century made their debut in the pages of ADVENTURE COMICS. They called themselves THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES and the rest, as they say, is history.

This month, DC Comics salutes the 30th Anniversary of the futuristic super-hero team with three special celebratory events.

It begins in the pages of THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #45, a special 64-page Anniversary issue spotlighting LIGHTNING LAD, one of the team's original members. It's a memorable tale, scripted by Paul Levitz and featuring art by LEGION regulars Greg LaRocque and Mike DeCarlo, as well as a host of emeritus LEGION artists, Dave Cockrum, Keith Giffen, Mike Grell, Kurt Schaffenberger, Curt Swan, and Dick Giordano. All this, plus a new painted cover by Ken Steacy.

Next up is WHO'S WHO IN THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #1, a seven-part mini-series that promises to reveal everything you've ever wanted to know about the LEGION and their era. This issue features never-before-revealed information, in-depth biographies of 8 LEGIONNAIRES and 30 other legendary LEGION-era characters, plus the first chapter of an illustrated history of the LEGION written by Barbara Randall and drawn by Steve Lightle. Other artists this issue include Greg LaRocque, Keith Giffen, Curt Swan, Dave Cockrum, and Pat Broderick, to name a few.

And finally, the LEGION is spotlighted in SECRET ORIGINS #25 as Paul Levitz and Rick Stasi re-present the origin of the 30th Century's mightiest heroes.

It's been 30 years since that classic story in the pages of ADVENTURE COMICS #247 ... and the 30th Century has *never* been more exciting!

April Listings

Flash #11

Blue Beetle #23

Star Trek #49

Shipping December 8

Checkmate #1—Bombs are going off in Chicago ... and that's only the start of a terrorist plot to tear America apart! Exploding from the pages of Vigilante and Action Comics comes the ultra-secret organization Checkmate whose Knights are the country's heroes of last resort! Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Steve Erwin and Al Vey. *New Format.*

Firestorm the Nuclear Man #70—Firestorm is trapped by the Flying Dutchman ... Ronnie is being hunted by a Russian super-agent ... and a new team of Soviet super-heroes begins operating without government sanction. All in all, *not* the best of days in the world of Firestorm! Story by John Ostrander, with art by J.J. Birch and Sam DeLaRosa. Cover by Birch.

Flash #11—Flash's troubles with Chunk may be just about over permanently ... unless, of course, he's able to escape Chunk's alternate dimension, the "other place." Written by Mike Baron, with art by Jackson Guice and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Steve Lightle.

Justice League International #12—Maxwell Lord's story reaches its stunning conclusion! Perhaps the League will survive the stunning revelation ... but it's going to change their lives forever! Story by Keith Giffen and J.M. DeMatteis, with art and cover by Kevin Maguire and Al Gordon.

'Mazing Man Special #2—'Mazing Man is back ... and *you've* got him in this double-sized special with a brand-new collection of stories featuring Maze the detective, Denton's writer's block, Sam's first Christmas tree, and the return of Bernie Cornfeldt. Who could ask for anything more? Stories by Bob Rozakis, pencilled by Stephen DeStephano, and inked by Steve Leialoha, Karl Kesel, Trina Robbins, and Craig Boldman. Cover by DeStephano and Kesel.

Outcasts #7 *(of a 12-issue maxi-series)*—The Outcasts get their chance to appear on Big City's hit television program, "The Freak Show" ... and you can bet it's *not* the ratings that are going to kill them! Written by John Wagner and Alan Grant, with art by Cam Kennedy and Steve Montano. Cover by Kennedy. *Deluxe Format.*

The Saga of Ra's Al Ghul #4 *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—Three classic tales of the Darknight Detective's battle against his greatest foe, Ra's Al Ghul, are re-presented in this deluxe format, featuring stories by Dennis O'Neil and art by Neal Adams and Dick Giordano. The all-new wraparound cover is by Adams. *Deluxe Format.*

Tales of the Teen Titans #88—It's the battle everyone's been bracing for—the final showdown between the Titans and Brother Blood! Written by Marv Wolfman and Paul Levitz, with art by Eduardo Barreto and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Michael Collins. *(Originally presented in THE NEW TEEN TITANS #28.)*

Wonder Woman #15—The new Silver Swan is out to get Diana with a vengeance! The only question is—*why?* Story by George Pérez and Len Wein, with art by Pérez and Bruce Patterson. Cover by Pérez.

World of Smallville #1 *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—The Man of Steel delves into his past and discovers the unusual courtship that lead to the marriage of Martha Clark and Jonathan Kent. Written by John Byrne, with art by Kurt Schaffenberger and Alfredo Alcala. Cover by Byrne.

Shipping December 15

The Batman #418—Why is the F.B.I. trying to keep the Batman off the case of the KGBeast, a rogue Russian agent stalking ten victims in Gotham City? Part two of a four-part story, written by Jim Starlin, with art by Jim Aparo and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Mike Zeck.

Blue Beetle #23—The Madmen are back to drive the Beetle nuts ... and *this* time it looks as though they just might succeed! Written by Len Wein, with art by Ross Andru and Danny Bulanadi.

The Forever People #3 *(of a 6-issue mini-series)*—Mark Moonrider has fallen under the evil influence of The Dark, and it's up to the Forever People to save him ... if they can! Story by J.M. DeMatteis, with art by Paris Cullins. *Deluxe Format.*

Green Arrow #3—The U.S.A. wants it. China wants it. And Green Arrow's got it! What is it? Just the most dangerous weapon of all time! Written by Mike Grell, with art by Ed Hannigan and Dick Giordano. Cover painted by Grell. *Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format.*

Hellblazer #4—The supernatural hits Constantine where he lives when his niece is kidnapped by the bizarre and dangerous religious cult, the Resurrection Crusade! Story by Jamie Delano and art by John Ridgway. Painted cover by David McKean. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

The Legion of Super-Heroes #45—It's the Legion's 64-page 30th Anniversary Special! The Legion's destiny hinges on the battle between science and superstition engineered by the insidious Luck Lords! Written by Paul Levitz, with art by Dave Cockrum, Keith Giffen, Mike Grell, Greg LaRocque, Kurt Schaffenberger, Curt Swan, Mike DeCarlo, and Dick Giordano. Cover painted by Ken Steacy. *Deluxe Format.*

Secret Origins #25—Anniversary Month conti the origin of the 30th Ce heroes, as told by writer Rick Stasi, and inker Dick witness the transformatio the atomic-powered dyn Roy Thomas, Mike Clark, Cover by Curt Swan and

Sgt. Rock #421—The family affair for Rock whe his sister Amy to free his imprisonment! Story by R Sam Glanzman. Cover by

Silverblade #8 *(of a 12*—There's a dreadful legacy powers ... a legacy he's di of a major battle with the Written by Cary Bates, w Gene Colan and Steve M

Star Trek #49—Whe starship attacks a Klingon Konom find themselves looming intergalactic inci David with art by Tom S Villagran. Cover by Dan

Superman #16—The *usually* take a joke, but Prankster's practical joke innocent people to get pencilled by John Byrne Kesel. Cover by Byrne.

Young All-Stars #1 revealed of "Iron" Mun more questions there ar such as, *how* is it he was the death of his father? Dann Thomas, with art Malcolm Jones. *New Fo*

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Shipping December 22

The Adventures of Superman #439—Superman is a *robot*?!? Can it be ... and how does Clark Kent feel about this surprising bit of news? Written by John Byrne and Jerry Ordway, with art and cover by Ordway.

Blackhawk #2 *(of a 3-volume mini-series)*—Blackhawk has been stripped of his citizenship ... and the aftermath finds him visiting the Soviet Union! Written and drawn by Howard Chaykin, with painted color by Steve Oliff. *Prestige Format.*

The Doom Patrol #7—The three new members of the Patrol go out for a night on the town, but instead of finding a good time, they encounter the deadly menace of Shrapnel! Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Erik Larsen and Gary Martin. Cover by Larsen and Robert Campanella.

Green Lantern Corps #223—Sinestro is held captive on the moon where he awaits his final judgment before a tribunal of the entire Green Lantern Corps! Story by Steve Englehart, with art and cover by Joe Staton and Mark Farmer.

Infinity, Inc. #49—You remember the Sandman, master of the Dream Stream? Well, he's back ... or *is* he? That's what the Infinitors have to find out! Written by Roy and Dann Thomas, with art by Vince Argondezzi and Frank McLaughlin. Cover by Argondezzi. *Deluxe Format.*

The New Teen Titans #42—The secret of the child of Blood is revealed, but the Titans have to survive Wildebeest to find out! Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Eduardo Barreto and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Barreto. *Deluxe Format.*

The Shadow #9—Hieronymus Bach gives shady lawyers a bad name ... and he's amassing a collection of clients that the Shadow will never forget! Written by Andrew Helfer, with art and cover by Kyle Baker. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

Slash Maraud #6 *(of a 6-issue mini-series)*—The series reaches its dynamic conclusion as D-Day arrives for Slash and the gang ... and the streets of Paris run with Shaper blood! Story by Doug Moench with art and cover by Paul Gulacy. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

Spiral Zone #3 *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—The excitement continues from one of TV's top animated series! Enter the Spiral Zone ... if you dare! Written by Michael Fleisher, with art by Carmine Infantino, Don Heck, and Dick Giordano.

Swamp Thing #71—The horror begins in full force as Swamp Thing finds out what "fear of flying" is all about! Written and pencilled by Rick Veitch and inked by Alfredo Alcala. Cover by Dave McKean. *Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format.*

Warlord #128—There's a secret to be learned from the last dragon, but to discover it, Warlord and Dreadnar must face off against the creature! Written by Michael Fleisher, with art and cover by Jan Duursema and Tom Mandrake.

The Weird #1 *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—A mysterious foe hits Metropolis and even Superman and the Justice League are having trouble discovering who ... or *what* is The Weird! A special 38-page tale, written by Jim Starlin, with art by Berni Wrightson and Dan Green. Cover by Wrightson.

Who's Who in the Legion of Super-Heroes #1 *(of a 7-issue maxi-series)*—The blockbuster topper to the Legion's 30th Anniversary Month ... featuring all-new information about the Legion, including the first chapter of an illustrated history of the team drawn by Steve Lightle, and 38 in-depth biographies. Written by Barbara Randall, featuring art by some of DC's top artists. Cover by Steve Lightle.

Shipping January 5

Action Comics #599—What started out as the Metal Men's attempt to rebuild their comrade, Tin, turns out to further Lex Luthor's latest attempt to destroy Superman! Written by John Byrne, with art by Ross Andru and Byrne. Plus: Meet the new wave of DC talent in the pages of our first Bonus Book, a 14-page story featuring Superman and Jimmy Olsen by newcomers Joe Calchi, Britt Wisenbaker, and Jim Scott. Cover by Byrne.

Camelot 3000 Trade Paperback Edition—Re-presenting the ground-breaking 12-part mini-series Camelot 3000 in a 312-page paperback edition! The legend of King Arthur lives again, written by Mike W. Barr, and featuring art by Brian Bolland, Terry Austin, Bruce Patterson, and Dick Giordano. Cover by Bolland.

Captain Atom #14—Captain Atom has gone free-lance, and now he's got to deal with Nightshade. The question is, is she friend or foe? Story by Cary Bates, with art by Pat Broderick and Bob Smith. Cover by Broderick.

Detective Comics #585—Someone calling himself the Rat Catcher is living in the sewers of Gotham, and he likes to collect things ... like people! Part one of two. Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner and art by Norm Breyfogle. Cover by Jerry Bingham.

Peacemaker #4 *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—Peacemaker loves peace so much he's willing to kill for it ... but is he willing to *die* for it as well? Find out as his battle with Dr. Tzin-Tzin reaches its explosive conclusion! Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Tod Smith and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Smith. *New Format.*

The Question #15—It looks as though the Klan is gaining a deadly foothold in Hub City ... or will The Question's investigation uncover something even worse? Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Denys Cowan and Rick Magyar. Cover by Bill Sienkiewicz. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

Sonic Disruptors #5 *(of a 12-issue maxi-series)*—The tribes are all gathering for the biggest battle of the bands of all time ... except the U.S. Army is out to stop the rock! Story by Mike Baron and art by Barry Crain and John Nyberg. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

The Spectre #13—The second missing talisman spells doom for Jim Corrigan and Kim Liang! Written by Doug Moench, with art by Gray Morrow. *New Format.*

Star Trek: The Next Generation #3 *(of a 6-issue mini-series)*—The mysterious Q returns and he watches how Picard and company deal with a maurauding race. Written by Mike Carlin, with art and cover by Pablo Marcos and Carlos Garzon.

Suicide Squad #12—The Enchantress goes berserk ... just in time to jeopardize Speedy's mission against the Drug Kingpin of Colombia! Story by John Ostrander and art by Luke McDonnell and Bob Lewis. Cover by Jerry Bingham.

Teen Titans Spotlight #21—An untold tale of the original team of Titans, starring Robin, Kid Flash, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl. Story by Sharman DiVono and Mark Evanier, with art and cover by Dan Spiegle.

Wasteland #5—Just *where* is Wasteland anyway? The "Big Crossover Story" gives you *an* answer to that perplexing question ... and that's just where the weirdness starts! Stories by John Ostrander and Del Close, with art by David Lloyd, William Messner-Loebs, and Donald Simpson. Cover by George Freeman. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

Warlord #128

MEET THE KNIGHTS OF CHECKMATE!

When traditional law enforcement agencies have exhausted every means at their disposal in the combatting of terrorism and crime, the government turns to its enforcement agency of last resort ... CHECKMATE!

From out of the pages of VIGILANTE and ACTION COMICS comes the ultra-secret organization codenamed CHECKMATE. The highly trained KNIGHTS of CHECKMATE are wherever they're needed to battle the forces of terror that threaten America's peace and security, backed by all the resources of the U.S. government!

Created by John Byrne and Paul Kupperberg, CHECKMATE picks up where VIGILANTE left off as Harry Stein is ordered to reorganize his Agency and broaden the scope of their work, bringing with him Harvey Bullock and Black Thorn. CHECKMATE'S first mission: Stop an American neo-Nazi organization from tearing the country apart!

CHECKMATE, a monthly New Format series, is written by Paul Kupperberg and drawn by Steve Erwin and Al Vey.

The people trying to bring down this country will use any means to accomplish their goal.

CHECKMATE is going to beat them at their own game!

Checkmate #1

The Batman #418

AND DON'T FORGET...

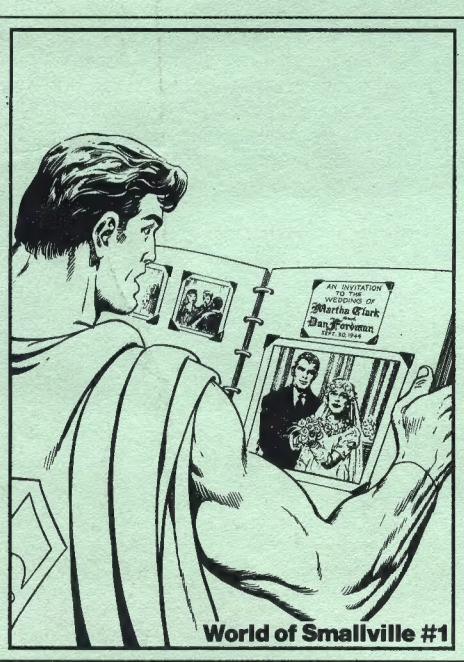
A few items we thought you'd want to know about:

Several years ago, the 12-issue maxi-series CAMELOT 3000 broke new ground in the art of graphic storytelling. The series won critical acclaim as well as a 1983 Eagle Award. Now we re-present the entire Mike W. Barr and Brian Bolland epic in a single 312-page trade paperback edition. The legend of King Arthur lives on ... and here's your opportunity to get in on the excitement!

It's 'mazing. 'MAZING MAN, that is, and he's back in his second double-sized 'MAZING MAN SPECIAL, featuring the entire cast and crew from Queens! There's the return of Bernie Cornfeldt ... Maze the detective ... Denton's writer's block ... and more! All courtesy of writer Bob Rozakis and artists Stephen DeStephano, Karl Kesel, Steve Leialoha, Trina Robbins, and Craig Boldman!

This month DC gives you something *more* as we begin the monthly BONUS BOOK! Every month, a different DC title will feature an extra fifteen pages of story and art *free*, featuring stories written and drawn by the new wave of DC talent! BONUS BOOK #1 appears in the pages of ACTION COMICS #599, featuring a story starring SUPERMAN and JIMMY OLSEN, written by Joe Calchi, with art by Britt Wisenbaker and Jim Scott!

For those fans of the work of Mike Zeck (and that's most of you!), make sure you don't miss the covers of BATMAN #417-#420 as Mike renders the Darknight Detective ... and *wait* until you see the results!



World of Smallville #1

THE LEGEND CONTINUES IN THE WORLD OF SMALLVILLE!

We were given only the briefest look at Clark Kent's formative years in Smallville in last year's epic MAN OF STEEL mini-series, but this month John Byrne, Kurt Schaffenberger and Alfredo Alcala take us back to those first years of SUPERMAN on Earth in the four-part mini-series, THE WORLD OF SMALLVILLE.

The Man of Steel returns to Smallville for a look around the old hometown and a visit with his parents, Ma and Pa Kent. But seeing their son only leads to the reawakening of old memories ... and the revelations of "Secrets!" It's the continuation of the year-long history of SUPERMAN begun in the just-completed WORLD OF KRYPTON mini-series.

You only *thought* you knew everything there was to SUPERMAN'S past. Read THE WORLD OF SMALLVILLE mini-series and find out just how much you *don't* know!

'Mazing Man Special #2

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